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In re Application of Jeffrey Conklin, et al. Application No.: 09/192,735 Filed: November 16, 1998

For: ITERATIVE, MULTIVARIATE

NEGOTIATIONS OVER A NETWORK

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the request for Reconsideration of Petition to Make Special, filed November 17, 1999.

The petition now meets all requirements.

For the above stated reasons, the petition is **GRANTED.**

The application file will be forwarded to the examiner for expedited prosecution.

If the examiner can make this application special without prejudice to any possible interfering applications, and he or she should make a rigid search for such, he or she is authorized to do so for the next action. Should the application be rejected, the application will not be considered special for the subsequent action unless the applicant promptly makes a bona fide effort to place the application in condition for allowance, even if it is necessary to have an interview with the examiner to accomplish this purpose.

If the examiner finds any interfering application for the same subject matter, he or she should consider such application simultaneously with this application and should state in the official letter of such application that he or she is taking it out of its turn because of possible interference.

Should an appeal be taken in this application or should this application becomes involved in an interference, consideration of the appeal and the interference will be expedited by all Patent and Trademark Office officials concerned, contingent likewise upon diligent prosecution by the applicant.

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